



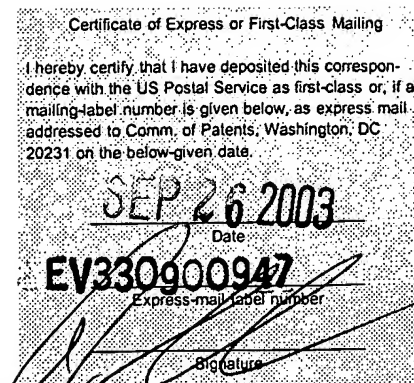
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT


Attached hereto is a copy of the recently received German Search Report. Also attached are copies of those references not already of record.

US patent 5,238,124 is the equivalent of EP 0,518,058.

The German Office Action starts by rejecting all claims on the six cited references. It then continues on page 3 at paragraph 3 to suggest that claim 1 be modified to describe "the straight groove and a braking surface for rotating the product." As thus modified the German examiner indicates the claim would be allowable.

Attention is directed to 1194 OG 167 (7 January 1997) which states with reference to information submitted in an Information Disclosure Statements "Where the information listed is not in the English language, but was cited in a search report by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance can be satisfied by submitting an English language version of the search report which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office."

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